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## *Sermon on the Book of Exodus*

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SCRIPTURE READING: 4-6

"YE HAVE SEEN WHAT I DID UNTO THE EGYPTIANS, AND HOW I BARE YOU ON EAGLES' WINGS, AND BROUGHT YOU UNTO MYSELF. NOW THEREFORE, IF YE WILL OBEY MY VOICE INDEED, AND KEEP MY COVENANT, THEN YE SHALL BE MINE OWN POSSESSION FROM AMONG ALL PEOPLES: FOR ALL THE EARTH IS MINE: AND YE SHALL BE UNTO ME A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS, AND A HOLY NATION. THESE ARE THE WORDS WHICH THOU SHALT SPEAK UNTO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL."

TEXT: Exodus 20:2 29:45

"I AM JEHOVAH THY GOD, WHO BROUGHT THEE OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT, OUT OF THE HOUSE OF BONDAGE."

"AND I WILL DWELL AMONG THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, AND WILL BE THEIR GOD."

## INTRODUCTION:

### 1. THE NAME OF THE BOOK.

EXODUS LIKE GENESIS HAS BEEN WELL NAMED. THE WORD MEANS A GOING OUT OR A DEPARTURE AND THE CHIEF FACT OF THE BOOK IS THE DEPARTURE OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL FROM THEIR BONDAGE IN EGYPT.

IN THE BOOK OF EXODUS NOTHING IS BEGUN NOTHING IS FINISHED. ITS FIRST WORD "NOW" COULD JUST AS OF APPROPRIATELY BEEN RENDERED "AND." ITS CLOSING WORDS "THROUGHOUT ALL THEIR JOURNEYS" YET MOST OF THEIR JOURNEY'S LIE AHEAD."

IT IS THE PART OF A LARGER WHOLE.

IN GENESIS WE HAVE THE BEGINNING OF THE HISTORY OF THE MANKIND AND THE CHOSEN FAMILY. IN EXODUS WE HAVE THE BEGINNING OF THE HISTORY OF THE CHOSEN PEOPLE. THEIR DELIVERANCE IS REF-

FEREED TO IN THEIR LATER HISTORIES, BY THE PROPHETS AND IN THEIR PSALMS.

## II. SOME INTERESTING FACTS CONCERNING THE BOOK.

### A. THESE ARE EIGHT IN NUMBER:

1. <sup>Israel's</sup> ~~THEIR~~ BONDAGE IN EGYPT
2. THE BIRTH OF MOSES
3. THE CALL OF MOSES
4. THE TEN PLAGUES
5. THE PASSOVER
6. THE CROSSING OF THE RED SEA
7. ISRAEL'S JOURNEY IN THE WILDERNESS
8. THE HAPPENINGS AT MOUNT SINAI

## III. THE DIVISIONS OF THE BOOK OF EXODUS

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE INTRODUCTION IN CHAPTER 1:1-7 THERE ARE SEVEN MAJOR DIVISIONS. WE RECALL THERE WERE TEN IN GENESIS.

1. THE SUFFERING OF ISRAEL IN EGYPT. CHAPTERS 1:8-7:7.
2. THE POWER OF JEHOVAH AS DEMONSTRATED IN THE 10 PLAGUES CHAPTERS 7:8-13:16.
3. THE LOVE OF JEHOVAH FOR ISRAEL CHAPTERS 13:17--18:27.
4. THE COVENANT AT SINAI 19:9-24:18.
5. THE DIRECTIONS FOR BUILDING THE TABERNACLE 24:18-31:18.
6. RENEWAL OF THE COVENANT AFTER THE WORSHIP OF THE GOLDEN CALF 32:1-35:3
7. THE BUILDING AND ERECTION OF THE TABERNACLE 35:4-40:38.

## IV. SOME INTERESTING DIFFICULTIES IN THE BOOK OF EXODUS.

1. THE CIRCUMCISION OF MOSES SON IN CHAPTER 4:24

"AND IT CAME TO PASS ON THE WAY AT THE LODGING-PLACE THAT JEHOVAH MET HIM, AND SOUGHT TO KILL HIM."



2. THE HARDENING OF PHAROAH'S HEART  
TEN TIMES IN VARIOUS WAYS IT SAYS  
HE HARDENED HIS HEART. 7:13-, 14, 22; 8:15, 32  
9:7, 34, 35; 13:15; 14: 5.

EXAMPLE 8:15

"BUT WHEN PHAROAH SAW THAT THERE  
WAS RESPITE, HE HARDENED HIS HEART, AND HEARK-  
ENED NOT UNTO THEM; AS JEHOVAH HAD SPOKEN."

TEN TIMES IT SAYS GOD HARDENED HIS  
HEART 4:21; 7:3; 9:12; 10:1; 10:20, 27; 11:10;  
14:4, 8; 14:17.

GOD HARDENED PHAROAH'S HEART BY  
MAKING A REQUEST OF HIM THAT HE DETERMINED NOT  
TO GRANT. IT WAS HIS OBSTINANCY AND NOT GOD'S  
DESTRUCTION OF HIS FREE WILL THAT HARDENED HIM.

3. THE BORROWING OF THE JEWELS AND  
THE SILVER AND GOLD.

THE REVISED VERSION CORRECTS THIS.  
THEY DID NOT BORROW THEY SIMPLY ASKED:

EXODUS 3:21

AND I WILL GIVE THIS PEOPLE FAVOR  
IN THE SIGHT OF THE EGYPTIANS: AND IT SHALL  
COME TO PASS, THAT, WHEN YE GO, YE SHALL NOT  
GO EMPTY: BUT EVERY WOMAN SHALL ASK OF HER  
NEIGHBOR, AND OF HER THAT SOJOURNETH IN THE  
HOUSE, JEWELS OF SILVER AND JEWELS OF GOLD, AND  
RAIMENT: AND YE SHALL PUT THEM UPON YOUR SONS,  
AND UPON YOUR DAUGHTERS: AND YE SHALL DESPOIL  
THE EGYPTIANS.

THIS WAS THE WAY THE SLAVES HAD OF  
GETTING PART OF THEIR OVER DUE WAGES.

4. THE LENGTH OF THE BONDAGE. Ex. 12:

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NOW THE TIME THAT THE CHILDREN OF IS-  
RAEL DWELT IN EGYPT WAS FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTY  
YEARS.

GOD TOLD ABRAHAM HIS DESCENDANTS WOULD  
BE STRANGERS IN A LAND NOT THEIRS 400 YEARS.  
GEN. 15:13

STEPHEN IDENTIFIES THIS WITH THE BONDAGE IN EGYPT. ACTS 7:9-19

THE VARIOUS READING IN SEPTUAGINT VERSION NOT REASONABLE.

THE DIFFERENCE IN LENGTH OF THE GENEALOGIES OF EXODUS 6 AND NUM. 3 WITH 1 CHRON 7:23-27. NO DOUBT SOME NAMES HAVE BEEN OMITTED AND SUCH WAS DONE IN THE LIST OF CHRIST MATT 7.

WHEN PAUL REFERS TO THE CONFIRMING OF THE COVENANT IN GAL 3:17 HE IS NOT TALKING ABOUT THE COVENANT AS IT WAS ORIGINALLY GIVEN TO ABRAHAM BUT THE SAME COVENANT AS IT WAS RECONFIRMED WITH JACOB AS HE ENTERED EGYPT, AS IT HAD BEEN WITH ISAAC AND JACOB ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS. THIS MAKES ALL IN PERFECT HARMONY

#### V. THE LESSONS OF THE BOOK OF EXODUS FOR US TODAY

A. ITS SUPREME VALUE IS ITS REVELATION OF THE PROCEDURE OF GOD IN HUMAN HISTORY.

1. MAY BE SEEN FROM TWO POINTS OF VIEW:

(A) THE DOINGS OF MEN.

(B) THE DOINGS OF GOD

2. IN CONSIDERING THE DOINGS OF MEN IMPRESSED WITH THEIR FAILURES.

(A) MOSES WEAK EXCEPT FOR HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

(B) AARON A PERPETUAL REVELATION OF WEAKNESS

(C) THE PEOPLE AN EXAMPLE OF UNCEASING FAILURES.

3. IN CONSIDERING THE DIVINE PROCEDURE WE ARE IMPRESSED BY THE METHOD GOD USED TO ACCOMPLISH HIS UNTIMATE PURPOSES.



(A) HUMAN PROGRESS THE RESULT OF THE PATIENCE AND GRACE OF GOD. Ps. 18:35

"AND THY GENTLENESS HATH MADE ME GREAT."

(B) WE SEE IN EXODUS THE METHODS OF GOD AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MAN.

(1). HE CREATES A NATION BY:

A. DELIVERING THEM FROM BONDAGE.

B. BY ORGANIZING THEM.

(2). GOD DID NOT CHOOSE ISRAEL FOR A PET BUT A PATTERN.

A. THEY ARE TO REVEAL TO THE WORLD THE BEAUTY, THE BREADTH AND THE BENEFICENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD.

(3). HE ACHIEVED HIS GOAL BY THE PROGRESSIVE REVELATION OF HIMSELF.

A. TO MOSES IN THE BURNING BUSH.

B. THE DECLARATION "I AM".

C. I AM JEHOVAH, INFINITE, ETERNAL, IMMUTABLE. WISE, POWERFUL, GOOD, JUST, TRUTHFUL, HOLY, CONDESCENDING, MERCIFUL AND LOVING.

Exodus 6:3

AND GOD SPAKE UNTO MOSES, AND SAID UNTO HIM, I AM JEHOVAH: AND I APPEARED UNTO ABRAHAM, UNTO ISAAC, AND UNTO JACOB, AS GOD ALMIGHTY: BUT BY MY NAME JEHOVAH I WAS NOT KNOWN TO THEM."

Exodus 34:6

"AND JEHOVAH PASSED BY BEFORE HIM, AND PROCLAIMED, JEHOVAH, JEHOVAH, A GOD MERCIFUL AND GRACIOUS, SLOW TO ANGER, AND ABUNDANT IN LOVINGKINDNESS AND TRUTH; KEEPING LOVINGKINDNESS FOR THOUSANDS, FORGIVING INIQUITY AND TRANS-

GRESSION AND SIN: AND THAT WILL BY NO MEANS CLEAR THE GUILTY, VISITING THE INIQUITY OF THE FATHERS UPON THE CHILDREN, AND UPON THE CHILDREN'S CHILDREN, UPON THE THIRD AND UPON THE FOURTH GENERATION."

D. AS A GOD OF GLORY.

AS A RESULT OF THIS REVELATION THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE NATION CAN BE VERY BRIEFLY STATED: WORSHIP AND OBEDIENCE.

4. EXODUS REVEALS THE DIVINE METHOD WITH AND THE CONSEQUENT RESPONSIBILITY OF, THE INDIVIDUAL

A. PHAROAH.

A STRONG MAN, ACUTE, REBELLIOUS. GOD GAVE HIM EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE HIS OWN CHOICE AND WORK OUT HIS OWN DESTINY.

HE MOVED WITH DETERMINATION TO DESTRUCTION NOT BECAUSE GOD HAD ELECTED HIM TO DESTRUCTION, BUT BECAUSE HE REFUSED GOD'S MINISTRY AND PATIENCE.

B. MOSES

GOD'S METHOD WITH MOSES WAS THE SAME. HE WAS A MAN STRONG, CAPABLE, OBE-  
DIENT. HE LIVED AND TRIUMPHED BY HIS FAITH.  
HEB. 11:24-29

BY FAITH MOSES, WHEN HE WAS GROWN UP, RE-  
FUSED TO BE CALLED THE SON OF PHAROAH'S DAUGHTER  
CHOOSING RATHER TO SHARE ILL TREATMENT WITH  
THE PEOPLE OF GOD, THAN TO ENJOY THE PLEASURES  
OF SIN FOR A SEASON; ACCOUNTING THE REPROACH  
OF CHRIST GREATER RICHES THAN THE TREASURES OF  
EGYPT; FOR HE LOOKED UNTO THE RECOMPENSE OF  
REWARD. BY FAITH HE FORSOOK EGYPT, NOT FEARING  
THE WRATH OF THE KING: FOR HE ENDURED, AS SEEING  
HIM WHO IS INVISIBLE. BY FAITH HE KEPT THE PASS  
OVER, AND THE SPRINKLING OF THE BLOOD, THAT THE  
DESTROYER OF THE FIRST BORN SHOULD NOT TOUCH  
THEM. BY FAITH THEY PASSED THROUGH THE RED SEA  
AS BY DRY LAND: WHICH THE EGYPTIANS ASSAYING TO  
DO WERE SWALLOWED UP."



5. IN THE BOOK OF EXODUS WE SEE THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD AND THE NECESSITY FOR WORSHIP AND OBEDIENCE ON THE PART OF MAN. THESE TRUTHS ABOUT GOD WELL EXPRESSED BY DAVID: Ps 97:2

CLOUDS AND DARKNESS ARE ROUND ABOUT HIM;  
RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE ARE THE FOUNDATION OF HIS THRONE."

A. RIGHTEOUSNESS- RIGHTNESS- RIGHT. RIGHT IS THE ELEMENT AND STRENGTH OF THE THRONE OF GOD. GOD'S GOVERNMENT IS RIGHT IN METHOD AND PURPOSE.

B. JUDGMENT. WE OFTEN MISINTERPRET THE WORD JUDGMENT BY STRESSING ONLY ONE SHADE OF ITS MEANING: PUNISHMENT OF WRONG.

TRUE USE OF THE WORD ILLUSTRATED BY THE STATEMENT "HE IS A MAN OF RARE JUDGMENT. GOD'S GOVERNMENT IS THAT OF WISDOM. METHOD BASED UPON RIGHT.

THIS IS REVEALED IN HIS SELECTION OF TIMES, PERSONS PLACES AND INSTRUMENTS.

1. EXAMPLE OF JOSEPH BEING IN EGYPT. HE TOLD HIS BRETHREN IN SPITE OF ALL THEIR EVIL, GOD SENT HIM.

2. NO CONTINGENCIES SURPRISE GOD.

3. NO EXIGENCIES FIND HIM UNPREPARED. HE IS PERFECT IN WISDOM AND POWER. AND IN HIS OPERATIONS THE LARGEST AND SMALLEST THINGS ARE TAKEN ACCOUNT OF AND USED.

BEFORE GOD'S PEOPLE COULD BECOME A NATION THEIR MORAL FIBER HAD TO BE STRENGTHENED. GOD IN HIS PATIENCE COULD WAIT 400 YEARS!

WHEN THE TIME CAME FOR THEIR DELIVERANCE HE OPENED THE DOOR BY THE CRY OF A BABY!!

6. AS TO SAVING MAN EXODUS TEACHES THAT FAITH MUST EXPRESS ITSELF IN WORSHIP AND OBEDIENCE.

*Mental Assent + Active sensory obedience.*



233 WORSHIP CONSISTS IN PUTTING GOD AT THE  
CENTRE OF LIFE AND SERVICE IN SEEING <sup>TO</sup> IT THAT  
ALL THE LIFE IS CENTERED IN HIM.

EXAMPLE: THE ARK IN THE CENTER OF THE NATION.

BUT TO PUT THE ARK AT THE CENTER AND GO  
AWAY AND BREAK THE LAW WAS BLASPHEMY.

GOD MUST BE RECOGNIZED AND OBEYED IN EVERY  
DEPARTMENT OF LIFE. SEE IN THE MINUTE PREPARATION  
OF ISRAEL IN EVERY AVENUE OF LIVING.

OBEDIENCE MUST EVEN OVERCOME OPPOSITION.  
ILLUSTRATED IN PHARAOH AND HIS COMPROMISES.

1. DO NOT GO AND WORSHIP JEHOVAH.
2. GO WORSHIP HIM IN THE LAND.
3. GO WORSHIP BUT NOT FAR AWAY.
4. GO YE THAT ARE MEN.
5. GO LEAVE YOUR CATTLE BEHIND.

CONCLUSION:

"NOT A HOOF SHALL BE LEFT BEHIND!"

MAY THE LIVING MESSAGE OF THE BOOK OF EXODUS  
BE APPROPRIATED BY EVERY FAMILY AMONG US TONIGHT

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HE OPENED THE DOOR BY THE DAY OF A BABY!!

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